

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 13, 2003

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor invited members of Boy Scout Troop 198, who were in attendance, to lead the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson and Aldermen Mike Kemp, Glenn Dinsmore, Rick Tribble, Linda Linkous, and Diane Everett.

Minutes of April 8, 2003 regular meeting were accepted on motion by Alderman Dinsmore, second by Alderman Kemp, and a unanimous vote.

Financial Reports: Recorder-Treasurer gave a lengthy verbal report describing his activities and conditions encountered since assuming office. No detailed totals were offered but it was reported that the General Fund had approx. \$33,000.00 and the Court Account had slightly over \$20,000.00 of which almost \$19,000.00 was available for release to the General fund. Figures on the Street and LOPFI accounts were not provided.

**Dept head reports:**

**Water Dept** Manager, Jim Ort, reported that the new truck has been delivered and it is outside for all to view.

Also, a machine to pack asphalt was also purchased last month. It will allow street Dept to patch potholes without renting such a device for about \$250.00 per day or contracting that type of work. Cost of about \$1,600.00 should be a very good investment.

Re-building of shoulders on Shannon Hills Drive is progressing between rains.

Will be chipping limbs one day next week.

Question from Citizen Sue Skipper about how long it would be before pavement edging on Shannon Hills Drive would be repaired. Response was that bedding material need time to settle and pack before being covered, it would probably be about August before that work could be done.

**Fire Chief**, Mel Aldridge, reported that the Fire Dept. responded to 3 fire calls and 9 rescues during March.

Chief Aldridge also reported that a reciprocal agreement was being worked out with Alexander.

Chief Aldridge was notified that with the passage of SB 38 in recent Legislative Session, there would be \$40,000 distributed, by the state, among the fire depts in our District. Shannon Hills portion would be \$5,000.00.

**Police Chief**, John Brown, reported that the police department had responded to 179 calls in April. 97 Citations were issued. Details were provided in a written report.

(See attachment. "A")

**Court Clerk**, Staci Brantley, submitted a written report (See Attachment "B".) She reported receipts of \$11,941.25 during the month of April. \$5,989.25 has been collected thus far in May.

The court handled 183 charges in the May session. See report for detailed analysis. (See Attachment "B".)

Alderman Linkous requested a modification in the format and content of financial portion of Court report. It was agreed that the requested change was feasible and would be implemented soon.

**Issue 1. Appointment of New City Attorney and City Court Prosecutor**

Mr. Brent Houston presented himself and was interviewed by the council for the Dual position of City Attorney and City Court prosecutor. Following the interview, a Motion was made by Mike Kemp that Mr. Houston be appointed to the aforementioned positions. Motion received a second from Alderman Everett. Council was polled and Aldermen Kemp, Dinsmore, Tribble, Linkous, and Everett all voted "Yes". Alderman Daniel was not present. Mr. Houston accepted the appointment.

**Issue 2. Agenda Modification**

Alderman Kemp moved that rules be suspended so that Mr. Tim Lemons, of Lemons Engineering be moved up on the agenda so that his topic could be addressed next. Motion received a second from Alderman Dinsmore. Motion was approved by voice vote with no discussion.

**Issue 3. Sewer System expansion Grant:**

Mr. Tim Lemons, of Lemons Engineering addressed the council informing them of recent efforts and current status regarding the city application for a grant to help cover the costs of expanding the city sewer system into areas of the city currently not being served. Refer to handout for details. Next follow-up is projected in July.

**Issue 4. Agenda Modification**

Alderman Kemp moved that rules be suspended so that Ms Margaret Roach, representing the Shannon Hills First Baptist Church, be added to the agenda. Motion received a second from Alderman Tribble. Motion was approved by voice vote with no discussion.

**Issue 5: Request from Baptist Church in Shannon Hills to install and display banners over the street at one or more locations in the city.**

Margaret Roach spoke on behalf of the church. She stated that the church, based on a community survey wished to sponsor a 4<sup>th</sup> of July City celebration and hoped to do so in conjunction with the City Government. In conjunction with this project they requested installation of poles to support "over the street" banners and permission to use such poles for other events in the future.

Extensive discussion followed addressing use of Light/Telephone poles Vs Flag type

poles... use of reader board signs... Concerns about who all could use signs and for what purposes... Height of banners... Some council members voiced approval of undertaking joint venture for celebration of 4<sup>th</sup> of July but no motion was ever made or vote taken relative to the subject.

#### **Issue 6. Animal Control Ordinance**

The mayor introduced this topic and indicated that because additional information had been made available and not all had had chance to see it and that he felt it would be wise to table this topic and set a special meeting date and time when a committee made up of as many aldermen and citizens as could participate could gather and work out the wording for new ordinance.

Motion from Alderman Kemp that this issue be passed to the next council meeting with a committee to have worked out wording on new ordinance by that time.

Motion received a second from Alderman Dinsmore. Motion passed by Voice vote with no descent.

A date of May 27 was selected for a Special meeting to include Aldermen and citizens. For the purpose of consolidating wording for new Animal control Ordinance.

Citizens, Jayne'e Linkous, Greg Lauanis, and Jerry Brewer volunteered to be take part.

#### **Issue 7. Purchase of Street Stripper (Device used to paint highway lines)**

Mayor Davis presented case in favor of purchasing a "Street Stripping" machine. He pointed out that stripping the major roadways thru Shannon Hills recently cost the city \$7,600.00. Price for machine he wanted is \$8995.00. Following some discussion A motion was made by Alderman Kemp that the Council authorize the purchase of the machine as proposed bt the Mayor. The motion received a second from Alderman Dinsmore. Council voted as follows: Aldermen Tribble, Linkous, Everett, Kemp & Dinsmore voted "Yes" Alderman Daniel was absent.

#### **Comments from the Floor:**

Questions were asked about getting ditch cleaned in a poor drainage area where no one is currently living. It was agreed that the street/water Dept would take care of it.

A question was asked about why ditch in front of Police Station was filled in with dirt. They were concerned about drainage. Response was that it was done to provide for more parking on court day. Assurances were made that drainage was considered and that grade was sufficient to assure good drainage.

A concern was expressed about 4-wheelers still being seen on city streets from time to time. Police assured that they would respond to any calls about that. And that the laws were being enforced when anyone was seen violating that ordinance.

A concern was expressed about people driving trucks onto grassy area near entrance to Carrington place. Police assured that they would strive to prevent or encourage individuals to stop that activity.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Kemp. A second was offered by Alderman Tribble. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm 5-13-03

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer